

This characteristic short story by Bret Harte, which began yesterday, will be concluded tomorrow.

THE SECRET OF SOBRIENTE'S WELL. By BRET HARTE.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTER inger buys a California plantation and goes there to his daughter Polly. Larry Hawkins, who admires telling the Colonel how a man named Sobriente, who owned the place, was found murdered in his well, and upposed to haunt the plantation. Polly interrupts the

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SECOND INSTALMENT.

I was easy to see that a privileged and recognized autocrat spoke. No one had ever questioned Polly Swinger's right to interrupting, interfering and saucy criticisms. Secure in the hopeless or chivalrous admiration of the men around her, she had repaid :t with a frankness that scorned any coquetry; with an indifference to ordinary feminine effect or provocation in dress or bearing, that was as natural as it was invincible. No one had ever known Polly to "fix up" for anybody-yet no one doubted the effect, if she had! No one had ever rebuked her charming petulance-

Larry gave a weak, vague laugh. Col. Swinger, as ineffectively, assumed a mock parental severity. "When you see two gentlemen, miss, discussin' politics together it ain't behavin' like a lady to interrupt. Better run away and tidy yoursel! before the stage The young lady replied to the last inuendo by tak-

ing two spirals of soft hair, like " "n sisk," from her oval cheek, wetting them with her lips, and tucking them behind ner ears. Her tather's ungentlemanly suggestion being thus disposed of, she returned to her first charge. 'It ain't no politics; you ain't been swearing enough

for that! Come now! It's the mysterious stranger ye've been talking about!" Both men stared at her with unaffected concern

'What do you know about any mysterious stranger?" demanded her father.

"Do you suppose you men kin keep a secret?" scoffed Polls

'Why, Dick Ruggles told me how skeert ye all were with blick stuggles told me now skeert ye all were over an entire stranger—and he advised me not to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the was acceptable to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the was acceptable to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the was acceptable to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the standard over an entire stranger—and he advised me not to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the next moment she uttered to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the next moment she uttered to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she uttered to stay at Buena Vista with another man of proper thing for the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution over the next moment she and distribution over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution of the standard over the next moment she and distribution over the next moment she and d

and that if he hadn't a better excuse for wantin' see me home' from the Injin Spring-he might slide Larry laughed again, albeit a little bitterly, for i seemed to him that the excuse was fully justified but the Colonel said promptly, "Dick's a fool-and you might have told him there were worse things to be met on the road than bogies. Run away now, and see that the niggers are on hand when the stage

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Two hours later, the stage came with a clatter of hoofs and a cloud of red dust, which precipitated it self and a dozen thirsty travellers upon the veranda before the hotel barroom; it brought also the usua "express" newspapers and much talk to Colonel Swinger-who always received his guests in a jofty personal fashion at the door as he might have done in his old Virginian home—but it brought likewise marvellous to relate—an actual gues: who had two trunks and asked for a room! He was evidently a stranger to the ways of Buena Vista, and particularly to those of Colonel Swinger, and at first seemed inclined to resent the social attitude of his host and his frank and free curiosity. When he, however, found that Colonel Swinger was even better satisfied to give an account of his own affairs, his family, pedigree and his present residence, he began to betray some interest. The Colonel told him all the news, and would no doubt have even expatiated on his ghostly visitant had he not prudently concluded that his guest might decline to remain in a haunted The stranger had spoken of staying a week; he had some private mining speculations to watch at Wynyard's Gulch—the next settlement—but he did not care to appear openly at the "Gulch Hotel." He was a man of thirty, with soft, pleasing features, and s singularly litheness of movement, which, combined with a nut-brown, gypsy complexion, at first sug gested a foreigner. But his dialect, to the Colonel's "like a blank light mulatter, but talked like a blank having propahty interests at the Gulch, sah, prefer dependent, Larry Hawkins.

IN THE OLD GARDEN.



STARBUCK TURNED ALMOST IMPATIENTLY AT HER CALL.

ears, was distinctively that of New England, and to on Buena Vista ears, and was glad of this new 'hotels' there." he had remarked to some of "the this was added a puritanical and sanctimonious auditor. It was an advertisement, too, of the hotel boys." In his preoccupation with the new guest, he drawl. "He looked," said the Colonel, in after years. and a promise of its future fortunes. "Gentlemen also became a little neglectful of his old chum and

scornfully indifferent-the contemptuously inaccessible -the coldly capricious and petulant-was inclined to be polite to the stranger!

The fact was that Polly, after the fashion of her sex, took it into her pretty head, against all consistency and logic, to suddenly make an exception to her general attitude toward mankind in favor of one individual. The reason-seeking masculine reader will rashly conclude that this individual was the cause as well as the object; but I am satisfied that every fair reader of these pages will instinctively know better. Miss Polly had simply selected the new guest-Mr. Starbuck-to show others, particuarly Larry Hawking -what she could do if she were inclined to be civil. For two days she "fixed up" her distracting hair at him so that its silken floss encircled her head like a nimbus; she tucked her oval chin into a white fichu Instead of a buttonless collar; she appeared at dinner in a newly starched yellow frock! She talked to him with "company manners," said she would "admire to go to San Francisco" and asked if he knew her old friends, the Faquier girls, from "Faginia." The Colonel was somewhat disturbed; he was glad that his daughter had become less negligent of her personal appearance; he could not but see, with the others, how it enhanced her graces, but he was, with the others, not entirely satisfied with her reasons. And he could not help observing-what was more or less patent to all-that Starbuck was far from being equally responsive to her attentions, and at times was indifferent and almost uncivil. Nobody seemed to be satisfied with Polly's transformation but herself.

But eventually she was obliged to assert herself. The third evening after Starbuck's arrival she was going over to the cabin of Aunt Chloe, who not only did the washing for Buena Vista, but assisted Polly did the washing for Buena Vista, but assisted Polly in dressmaking. It was not far, and the night was itent being anything but a living man—yet she would have screamed for assistance now only for the greater would be a supported by the screamed for assistance now only for the greater. moonlif. As she crossed the garden she saw Starpuck moving in the manganita bushes beyond; a mischievous light came into her eyes; she had not expected to meet him, but she had seen him go out—and there were always possibilities. To her surprise, however, he merely lifted his hat as she passed, and turned he merely lifted his hat as she passed, and turned the direction abruptly in another direction. This was more than the faint and giddy. Yet after the first shock had passed belonged independence and pride came to her relief

"Oh! Mr. Starbuck!" she called, in her laziest voice.

said dryly

people here."

Polly's cheeks and eyes flamed. "Yes, I reckon lo," she said crisply; "it's only a stranger here would think of being rude. Good-night, Mister Starbuck!" She tripped away after this Parthian shot, yet feel ing, even in her triumph, that the conceited fool seemed actually relieved at her departure. And for the first time she now thought she had seen some-thing in his face that she did not like. But her last independence reasserted itself soon, and half an hour later, when she had left Aunt Chloe's cabin, she had regained her self-esteem. Yet to avoid meeting again she took a longer route home across the again she took a longer route home—across the dried ditch and over the bluff, scarred by hydraulics, and so fell, presently, upon the old garden at the point it adjoined the abandoned diggings. She was quite sure she had escaped a meeting with Starbuck and was gliding securely along under the shadow of the peartrees, when she suddenly stopped. An indescribable trees, when she suddenly stopped An indescribable terror overcame her as she stared at a spot in the garden, perfectly illuminated by the moonlight, not fifty yards from where she stood. For she saw on its surface a human head—a man's head—seemingly in the level of the ground, staring in her direction. A hysterical laugh sprang from her lips, and she caught at the branches above her or she would have fallen. Yet in that moment the head had vanished. The moonlight revealed the empty garden-the ground she had gazed at—but nothing more.

She had never been superstitious. As a child she

had heard the negroes talk of "the hants"—i. e., "the haunts," or spirits—but had believed it a part of the's ignorance and unworthy a white child—the daughter of their master. She had laughed with Dick Ruggies over the illusions of Larry, and had shared her her old independence and pride came to her relis-She would go to the spot and examine it! If it were some trick or illusion she would show her superiority and have the laugh on Starbuck. She set her white He turned almost impatiently.

"Since you're so civil and pressing, I thought I'd teeth, clinched her little hands and started out ell you I was just runnin' over to Aunt Chloe's," she the moonlight. But alas for woman's weakness! The next moment she uttered a scream and almo "I should think it was hardly the proper thing for fell into the arms of Mr. Starbuck, who had stepped

THE FAMILY WASHING.

the wishes of several city women who so well and so intact that it makes her ite. are leaders in the study of home economies that she has prepared the article. As things are now, every housekeeper foot of a dressy gown is always a point

wear and tear on clothing.

ment is what enables very many fam- keeping.

When Miss Mary Avery White alludes illes to get on with only one servant, her article on this subject, which appears in the Kitchen Magazine for April, she says that it is in accordance with

we feel moved to congratulate them on opens the laundry bundles from most in its favor. Note the clever idea of having a plain front gore with trimenergies. For it is a subject which that crystallizes into tears in her eyes every householder has considered, and as she views the wreckage. It is true opportunity of joining a ruffic to the have dreamed horrible dreams that the price of laundry work has been over it. It is a nightmare of mangled considerably shaved down in the past laces and tattered lingeries received from laundries—a mountain of despair in the family expense accounts, says the Boston Transcript. But one does a few steps further and make an effort and so much mind the expense of the toward achieving perfect work they will and the tucks overlap at the belt, to fit properly around the hips. The fulness laundry bills if one gets value received he entitled to see their names in a Hall for money paid out for them. And the of Fame,

actual, total expense of laundry work Leading up to this cheerful state of to be fairly reckoned must include the things between the laundryman and his of the skirt is very becoming and conpatron is the enterprise of which Miss tinues in long points down the centre In these days of apartments the prob- White writes in this article. There will back. In these days of apartments the problem of housekeeping in small quarters be many to follow in the walks of this guide, we believe, and so have fair reasing very much simplified if the washing guide, we believe, and so have fair reasing very nicely in building a dainty son for prophesying less strenuous times son for prophesying less strenuous times and ironing can be sent out of the house.

HOW TO MAKE A PRETTY GOWN FOR THE RACES. Some of the prettiest gowns of the

lower edge of the applique and obtains the desired effect. The side and back of this skirt are cut in one piece on the from the tucks forms a flounce effec from the knees down. The pointed effect used in the trimming of the sides

very expensive. Another pretty file would be to make a gown of white figured net, as net looks very pretty when FAMOUS FOLK WITH UNKNOWN NAMES. tucked, the lace trimming of white chantilly.

It is a remarkable fact that there are explorers of the day. Nobody ever many men and women famous the world heard of him by this name, perhaps, a white net gown is to have that over who, if they travelled under their but as Henry M. Stanley every reader real names would not be known at all. of African history is familiar with his having a skirt of mousseline de sole between the skirt of silk and the net. A Wettin would sail for the United dropped it for that of the man who from a foundation skirt of lawn with

best-known women in the world to-day, of scientists the world over.

Her illness has been watched with Mihali Lied was the name of an artanxiety in every civilized country of let whose painting ranked him high in like the skirt trimming. The net above the globe, says the Philadelphia Press. the estimation of the world and whose of clusters of tucks of the net joined Mrs. Schwerin is Queen Withelmina and last days won the sympathy of all who read of them.

John Rowlands is one of the greatest school and the sympathy of all with a narrow insertion.

The stock collar matches the yoke.

The public, even in England, has little pared a pilot message to sent ahead to applique in point venise lace, filled in Most people suppose that a royal mea-wires again open to the public.

In spite of all precautions, however, taste. Allow the siceve to puff just leaked out, and on over the clow, finishing with a crush

BY MME. LOUISE. to the family washing as one of the where with the washing done at home chief problems of housekeeping she has two would be necessary. And it does Paris tracks during the racing season. desiring gowns for high-school and colcertainly hit the nall squarely on the seem as if proprietors of laundries every—
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A RACE GOWN OF MAUVE VOILE PLISSE WITH APPLIQUE OF GUIPURE.

able for my reader signed "Schoolgirl" fussy?" end for others of my correspondents

freek and look very pretty worn with a gauze ribbon sash. MME. LOUISE.

Kindly advise me how to make a dress like

inclosed sample of fancy linen batiste. I have some tan shade, oblong and diamond shaped medailions, the oblong being the larger; black velvet ribbon 1/2 inch and blue lawn for lining. Have enough goods to tuck. Do you think the dress would make up prettier without border?

I am 34 bust, 23 inch waist and 40 inch skirt. Could buy some allover for yoke. I would like the dreas buttoned in the back. I am twenty-

Your material would make up ver

stylishly with a tiny tucked front o plain linen batiste. Have this vest fon about two and a half inches wide, and use the material so the border will join

the vest on either side, tuck the ma-

terial between the stripes on the should-er only to give it case. Have a pretty

round sailor collar of the tucked batiste trimmed with the medallions.

Make the skirt with a front like the

waist with the top two and a halw inches wide, the lower edge about eight inches wide, and have the border ex-

tend down either edge. Cut the re-

the extra fulness at the waist line

Have a flounce cut straight with border

trimming, placing the medations three inches apart and connecting them with

three rows of velvet ribbon. Make the

sleeve tucked at the top. Finish just

below the elbow with a ruffle, finished

with the border. The lower sleeve trimmed with medalilons and ribbon. Wear a best of ribbon velves.

WAR NEWS.

It is not quite clear why the city of

places not immediately concerned. This

ournal, the Prensa, has seen fit to make

special arrangements by means of which the public is informed at a moment's

notice of any notable event in the for-

A GOOD STORY TOO

MRS. F. E. M.

FANCY LINEN BATISTE.

Dear Mme. Louise:

The door had hardly closed against the retreating mother and child before through the room.

But the young n The same design made up in organdie.

"Baby mustn't be kissed." H'm, every day more and more people are with the skirt tucked in the half-inch guess that isn't the first baby ever coming to see the matter as she did. tucks and the trimming formed of cius-

their mothers did before them. Why, mitted.

my daughter won't let me kiss her

The unwilling kiss of politeness ex-

BABY MUST NOT BE KISSED. "Did you ever know anything so she would have been better off to-day

A murmur of indignation rippled But the young mother was right, and

born, and it won't be the last, that she need be so finicky." Even bables don't like the indis-nate kissing, but the poor little i wide insertion, the yoke and collar of shirred mousseline de sole and the rever collar made of lace, would make • dainty that's so, but the poor little things are helpless against the outrage. And there is anyway?"

That's so, but the poor little things are helpless against the outrage. And when they are a hit place is a poor little things are helpless against the outrage. "That's so, but the young mothers think they know so much more than children, and ought never to be per-

> baby, my own grandchild, and says it ed from a child who inwardly resents isn't healthy. I just spoke my mind the liberty with all its little might, but right out to her, but it didn't make any is powerless to prevent it, can i difference. I told her she was kissed when she was little, and she told me without excuse from any point of view.

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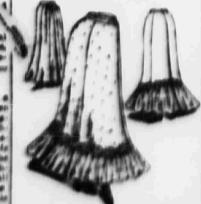
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A man named Sudfield is one of the day, and, ungandie in the sleeves and yoke.

The bodice is of lawn, covered with organdie, put on full and blousing in front. The lower part of the waist is

and derives its standing qualities from collar featherbone. The revers collar would be pretty made of white very light weight silk moire, with pretty around the applique with French knots. The sleeve is tucked at the top, forming a puff over the lower arm. finishing

The girdle is of moire also and the long tie is of chiffon or net.

About the expense of this gown, you know that idea of having an India slik slip with the taffeta pisiting on the skirt to give it "body" is a good one, as it is quite a saving. You can hay a good indic slik one yard wide for it cents on will need sight yards as the gown is turked.

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